

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 2006 for the Alton Police Department was trying at times, but a lot of good came from it. The Department continued to struggle with on-the-job injuries and shift coverage. The Officers stepped up and made all the necessary sacrifices to ensure the community remained safe. With the rising number of new homes and residents, our call volume increased. The Officers spent a great deal of time following up on investigations and preparing well, documented cases for court. Given the number of lengthy, investigations our traffic enforcement decreased slightly. In the year to come we are striving to put more Officers on the street to increase traffic enforcement.

In the year to come, the Department will be focusing on staffing the open positions and providing more Officers to patrol the street. Once we are back to full staff, the Department will be able to concentrate on improving our day-to-day services to the Alton community. Above and beyond our daily services, the Department will be working on more community based programs. The community outreach programs will help educate the public regarding our field of work, while giving the community the chance to interact with our individual Officers.

The Alton Police Department has come a long way over the years because of the support the community has given us. I encourage residents to voice concerns or provide suggestions at any time. These suggestions and constructive criticisms help us to evaluate the services we provide and the need for additional services to be implemented. The Town is continually changing from year to year. These changes affect all of us. The Department tries to anticipate these changes by budgeting and adjusting our services. Unfortunately, we cannot anticipate how all of these changes directly affect the residents. This is why I would like to see open communication between the Department and the community it serves. If you would like to contact me, please feel free to do so by calling the Alton Police Department or e-mailing me at [police@alton.nh.gov](mailto:police@alton.nh.gov).

Respectfully Submitted

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